



## RTCA in Indiana

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. The National Park Service (NPS) staff provide technical assistance to community groups, city, county, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations working to enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation opportunities. We help local leaders plan and design trails and parks; conserve and improve access to natural areas; protect special places; and create recreation opportunities.

The RTCA program in Indiana offers a wide range of services that can be tailored to meet the needs of an individual project. The NPS staff members are trained facilitators who encourage project leaders to build collaborative partnerships among governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. The program helps communities and groups define their vision, goals, and objectives; analyze issues and opportunities; and develop strategic action plans and time lines for projects. We do not provide financial assistance, but can help project partners identify and secure sources of funding and technical support.

Any community with committed project partners can apply for assistance. Believing the best plans are completed locally, the National Park Service will work with partners to encourage broad-based community participation in planning, designing, and implementing the projects we support.



Section of the Northern Indiana Trail overlooking a city

In 2016, the National Park Service in Indiana will work on a variety of projects including:

- **Groundwork Indy** – The project goal is to assist with the creation and implementation of Groundwork Indianapolis through the National Park Service collaboration with Groundwork USA. Groundwork Indy will serve as a catalyst for brownfield redevelopment for green uses in the Northwest Area neighborhood. (Location: Indianapolis, Indiana)
- **Northern Indiana Trails** – The project goal is to link the completed sections of trail in Northern Indiana together creating a contiguous trail across the state from the Illinois to Ohio borders in support of local and regional goals, and the Priority Visionary Trails of the Indiana State Trails Plan. (Location: Northern Indiana)

For more information about the RTCA program refer to: [www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca), or for information about ongoing or potential RTCA projects in Indiana contact:

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